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November 2021 - News and Updates from the Wooster Area Chamber

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New Members

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B. Radiant Lash Studio

B. Radiant Lash Studio was established in June 2019 by owner Brittany Morris. Their new location is very calm and relaxing. Offering a variety of services such as eyelash extensions, eyelash lift and tint, eyebrow henna and tint, nails and facial waxing. B. Radiant Lash Studio currently has three lash techs and one nail tech. Hours are 7 days a week by appointment only.

Visit vagaro.com/bradiantlashstudiollc to make your appointment!



Cheeky's Twisted Eatz

Cheeky's takes foods we all enjoy and love and put their own spin on them. For example, their totchos are tater tots topped with savory ingredients. Most popular being the Korean pulled pork totchos covered in homemade Korean pulled pork and creamy coleslaw and Korean BBQ sauce. Also offering eggrolls filled with crab rangoon, churro cheesecake and original doughnut bites, which they have been making for the past six years.

Book Cheeky's Twisted Eats catering for your birthdays or other events! View their menu at facebook.com/cheekystwistedeatz as it updates weekly. Give them a call today (330) 749-2409.



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The Wooster Township Fire Department provides fire protection and emergency medical services for the citizens in Wooster Township and through contractual agreements portions of Franklin, Plain and Wayne Townships covering a total of 52 square miles. A combination department of 7 full-time FF/Paramedics and 29 volunteer FF/ EMT's. Wooster Twp. Fire also has 16 certified Rescue Divers and the department is capable of handling a large assortment of different waterrelated emergencies. Volunteers have a diverse background and expertise so if you've been looking for a calling to serve your community, they would love to talk. No experience is needed, training and equipment is 100% paid for.

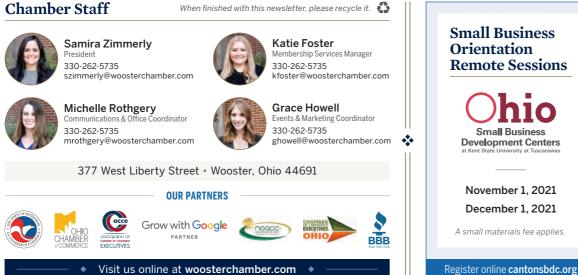


2. Chamber staff will contact you with more information regarding the approval process, member benefits, opportunities, and rates.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS								
	July 2020	August 2020	August 2021		July 2020	August 2020	August 2021	
Unemployment, United States	10.5%	8.5%	5.3%	Labor Force, Employed Wayne County	60,400	60,900	58,600	
Unemployment, Ohio	9.5%	8.6%	5.1%	Labor Force, Unemployed Wayne County	4,400	3,900	2,300	
Unemployment, Wayne County	7.3%	6.5%	3.9%	Wayne County Sales Tax by Month	\$1,257,641.09	\$1,071,059.73	\$1,213,574.38	

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For more information call Carrie Horst. Administrator at (330)828-2278



OUR MISSION

The mission of the Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce is to foster economic prosperity in the Wooster area by advancing community leadership & supporting the interests of our members and the business community.

1. Apply online at woosterchamber.com

3. Once approved, begin utilizing the many valuable resources available to you through Chamber membership.

Contact the Wooster Chamber team at (330) 262-5735.

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There's nothing better than seeing thousands of twinkling lights on a cold, frosty night. Join us this holiday season by beautifying your home in our second annual Let it Glow Competition! The Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce encourages you to deck your homes with lights, lawn ornaments, wreaths, and more to help bring holiday cheer to families in Wooster. You even have a chance of winning one of the three cash prizes!



REGISTRATION INFO:

- Deadline to register: Monday, November 29. It's FREE to register!
- Hurry space is limited!
- Homes MUST be decorated by: Thursday, December 16
- Contact the Chamber to register: Email Michelle at mrothgery@ woosterchamber.com
- To learn more visit: woosterchamber.com/let-it-glow

VOTING INFO:

- A map will be available marking the location of each participating house.
- Each house entry will have a number displayed on a yard sign.
- Vote anytime from Friday, December 17 – January 2
- · Winners will be contacted as well as posted on social media.

PRIZE CATEGORIES:

Best in Show: \$100 prize Chosen by: MCTV

Clark Griswold (most lights): \$100 prize Chosen by: HER Realtors – Jen Wiles Realtor

People's Choice: \$100 prize Chosen by: Community Vote

The Let It Glow Chamber Holiday Light Competition is generously sponsored by:



*Woosterfest Recap







Pig Mac Eating Competition Winner: Alex Murphy



Beer Stein Race Winners **BCI Buckeye Division**

Save the Date for the 2022 Woosterfest - Friday, Sept 30 and Saturday, Oct. 1! To learn more about this event, visit **woosterfest.com**.

Register Today! Contact the Chamber by emailing Michelle at mrothgery@woosterchamber.com.

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YOUR 2021 WOOSTERFEST EVENT CHAMPIONS!



Cornhole Tournament Winners: Carl Roush & Cody Byelene



Sausage Toss Winners: Mitch Flickinger & Adam Nussbaum



Stein Holding Competition Winner: Forrest Lang



Free Throw Shootout Winners:

Youth Division: 1st - Kolt Stewart 2nd – Kara Cannon 3rd - Blake Terakedis

Adult Division: 1st – Ryan Chenevy 2nd – Rob McCarter (pictured) 3rd - Tony Bowen

Cream Puff Stuff: Morgan Lang

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To learn more about this event, visit **woosterfest.com**.

*Leadership Wooster

Leadership Wooster class takes an agricultural tour of Wayne County

From the campus of The Ohio State University CFAES to Certified Angus Beef's meat lab to Troutman Vineyards, the Leadership Wooster class received a snapshot of the range of agriculture in the Wooster area.

The class began the day at The Ohio State University -CFAES Wooster campus to hear from Dr. Cathann Kress, VP Agricultural Administration and Dean about the impact the university has had on the community as well as the agricultural industry. Kurt Steiner of Steinhurst Farms shared what life is like when your family operates a dairy farm and the importance of planning and leadership to their operation.

The class learned about the advancements in technology related to agriculture and how that is improving farming



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for all generations. Dr. Laura Deeter, Professor, Landscape Horticulture and Horticultural Science taught the class about Secrest Arboretum and the work that is being done to study plants in the area.

The class learned about the Certified Angus Beef brand from Tracey Erickson, VP Marketing and enjoyed Roasting 101 with the Certified Angus Beef Professional Chef team.

Chad and Erin Lucci shared an overview of farm operations when the class traveled to Lucci Farm to see an active cow-calf farm.

The day concluded with a wine tasting and tour at Troutman Vineyards. Owner Andy Troutman shared the story of how he began growing grapes, which led to the winery he operates today.









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The Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the 2022 Award Recipients.

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* Safety Council

OSHA Enforcement Update OSHA[®] to be presented at November **Safety Council Meeting**



Howard Eberts Compliance Assistance Specialist with the U.S. Department of Labor/ OSHA

Howard Eberts, Compliance Assistance Specialist with the U.S. Department of Labor/OSHA is set to present an OSHA Enforcement Update at the November 17 Wooster Area Safety Council meeting.

During his presentation, he will cover OSHA inspection statistics and results, review recent significant OSHA enforcement actions, explore results from a study of OSHA inspections, and present OSHA's enforcement plans and initiatives for the upcoming year.

Currently, Eberts oversees the Cleveland Area Office, an OSHA enforcement office with 28 people, including 18 Compliance Officers and three Whistleblower Investigators. The Cleveland Area Office is one of four OSHA Area Offices in Ohio, with Toledo, Columbus, and Cincinnati, and it covers 12 counties in

the northeast corner of the state.

Please note there is not a meeting scheduled for December. The next meeting will be January 26, 2022.

Register at bit.ly/woochambersafetycouncilnov2021.

EDUCATIONAL SERIES RECAP: Ashton Tech highlights cybersecurity and how to protect your data

Ashton Technology Solutions Executive Vice President, Travis Grundke and Systems Engineer, Adam Burley shared three key cybersecurity takeaways with attendees.



- 1. Understanding how the cyber threat landscape has changed
- 2. Understanding the difference between "old school" cybersecurity and how it needs to be handled moving forward
- 3. Seven key takeaways for secure computing that can be used to evaluate the effectiveness of your existing technology provider's security plan.

For answers to follow up questions or to watch the entire presentation visit www.woosterchamber.com/educationalseries

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Open House shows appreciation for Wooster Chamber's members



The Chamber team is so thankful to our supportive community and dedicated members! We couldn't do what we do without all of you.

We enjoyed having an open house to thank our members for all of their support. We are grateful for everyone who was able to attend and to celebrate with us. Wooster is truly the best!









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Business After Hours returned with evening at The Connection

In September, The Connection Conference and Event Center hosted the first Business After Hours of 2021. The Wooster Business



Community spent the evening touring the facility and networking.

The Connection is equipped to host large or small meetings as well as family gatherings like weddings, anniversary and birthday celebrations, and many more events. For more information visit www.theconnectioninwooster.com.



Western Reserve Group to host November Business After Hours

Members are invited to join the Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce and Western Reserve Group on November 11 from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. for Business After Hours.

Meet with the team and the Wooster business community for an evening of refreshments and networking. Take a tour of the new Wooster headquarters located at 2865 Benden Drive.

The Western Reserve Group operates exclusively through more than 3,500 independent agents located in over 650 locations throughout Ohio and Indiana, providing insurance protection to over 174,000 households, businesses, and farms. We look forward to having you!

Register online at bit.ly/woochamberbahnov2021



Congratulations to our friends at the Pregnancy Care Center of Wayne County on officially opening their new location at 331 West Liberty Street.

The Pregnancy Care Center offers education, adoption, parenting classes, infant loss support, and many other services. The medical professionals at The Pregnancy Care Center specialize in helping women through their pregnancy journey. They are available to answer any questions in a caring and confidential manner.

For more information or to schedule an appointment visit pccwayneoh.org.

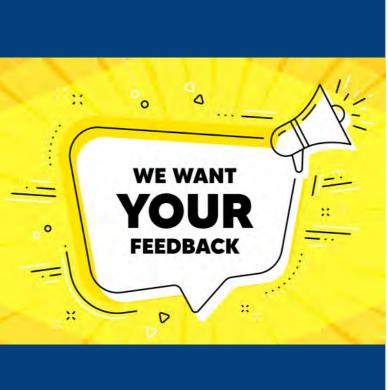
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Pregnancy Care Center of Wayne County is open at new location on West Liberty Street in Wooster





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Congratulations to B. Radiant Lash Studio on opening in Wooster



The Chamber is excited to welcome B. Radiant Lash Studio, LLC to downtown Wooster.

B. Radiant Lash Studio is located at 131 North Market Street in Wooster. Owner Brittany Morris is a trained and certified lash artist. Brittany was trained and certified by Minky's Lash Academy in June of 2017. Specializing in Classic, Hybrid, Volume, and Mega Volume Lashes. Offering Lash Lift and tint, Brow Tint, Brow Henna, and Facial Waxing. B. Radiant Lash Studio strives to make the customer's experiences comfortable and professional.

The B. Radiant

Lash Studio team is growing and offering additional services such as body waxing and dip powder nails. Be sure to follow their Facebook page to stay up to date on their new offerings!



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The Wooster Brush Company breaks ground on new facility!



In a partnership with Freeman Building Systems, The Wooster Brush Company broke ground on an additional manufacturing, warehousing, and distribution facility on October 20.

The new facility will be the largest expansion in the company's 170-year history. Notable details about this expansion include:

- Address: 2550 Daisy Way, Wooster, Ohio 44691 (in Wooster's innovation park)
- Site will be built on newly acquired 44-acre plot of land
- Building Dimensions: 676 feet wide by 900 feet long (608,400 square feet)
- Will be staffed by up to 60–70 full-time employees
- Plans allow for additional expansions up-to 200,000 square feet
- Largest single building ever-to-be built within the city of Wooster



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- Being built by the oldest company in Wooster, Ohio
- Completion Date: December 2022

Ben Maibach, President of The Wooster Brush Company said, "We're excited to grow in Wooster. We're even more excited that our growth will benefit the city where we were founded 170 years ago. We appreciate so much to be a part of this great community."

Established in 1851, The Wooster Brush Company is the oldest manufacturer of paint applicators in the USA. Based in Wooster, Ohio, the privately held company with approximately 650 employees produces nearly 2,000 products for both professional and DIY painters. nest by friendtique

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